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TITLE OF INVENTION: FOUR-COLOR DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 756 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 756 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/804,722

Examiner

JASON M. MANDEVILLE

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07 December 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19, 20, and 24-35 (renumbered 1-14).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Jason Mandeville
Examiner
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 07 December 2009 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 07 December 2009 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 25 August 2009. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 19, 20, and 24-35** (now renumbered **Claims 1-14**) are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the references relied upon by the examiner, nor any of the references disclosed by the applicant in the most recently entered IDS, considered alone or in reasonable combination, teach or fairly suggest an organic electro-luminescent display (OELD) device for processing multi-color gray-scale data, comprising the four-color converting part to generate gamma-converted RGB data, to extract a white color component from the gamma-converted RGB data, to generate four-color RGBW data, and to perform reverse gamma conversion on the four-color RGBW data to generate compensated RGBW gray-scale data; the data driving part to process the compensated RGBW gray-scale data provided from the four-color converting part; the scan driving part to generate scan signals in sequence; and the OELD panel, wherein a white extracting part is configured to determine which color data of the gamma-converted RGB data has a minimum value and to compare the minimum value with a predetermined value relative to the maximum gray scale level and corresponding to a half luminance of the maximum gray scale level, the white extracting part generates the minimum value of the gamma-converted RGB data as the white color component if the minimum value is smaller than the predetermined value, and the white extracting part generates the

predetermined value as the white color component if the minimum value is larger than the predetermined value, as positively recited in independent **Claim 19** (now renumbered **Claim 1**).

As pertaining to the most pertinent prior art referenced by the examiner, Hirano et al. (hereinafter "Hirano" US 7,277,075) explicitly discloses (see Fig. 1, Fig. 3a, and Fig. 3b) a display device comprising a four-color converting part (6; see Fig. 3b) to generate converted RGB data (i.e., (Ri, Gi, Bi)), to extract a white color component (i.e., Yimin) from the converted RGB data, to generate four-color RGBW data (i.e., (Ro, Go, Bo, Wo)); the data driving part (3; see Fig. 1) to process the compensated RGBW gray-scale data provided from the four-color converting part (6; see Fig. 3b); the scan driving part (2) to generate scan signals in sequence; and the panel (1), wherein a white extracting part (see (6, 7, 8) in Fig. 1 and Fig. 3b) is configured to determine which color data of the gamma-converted RGB data has a minimum value (i.e., Yimin) and to compare the minimum value (Yimin) with a predetermined value (i.e., Yimax) relative to the maximum gray scale level (see Col. 6, Ln. 56-62 along with Col. 5, Ln. 17-51 and Col. 5, Ln. 65-67 through Col. 6, Ln. 1-7 and Col. 4, Ln. 62-67 through Col. 5, Ln. 1-3).

Takayama (US 6,317,157) discloses (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) a generic display device in which an input RGB is adapted to comply with any number of receiving display devices by generating gamma-converted RGB data with respect to primary RGB gray-scale data and by performing reverse gamma conversion of the RGB data prior to display (see Col. 1, Ln. 29-63 and Col. 2, Ln. 14-51; also see Col. 6, Ln. 13-67 and Col. 7, Ln. 9-47 and Col. 7, Ln. 66-67 through Col. 8, Ln. 1-16). The teachings of

Takayama are clearly applicable to the teachings of Hirano as Takayama teaches that the display performance is improved when gamma properties are taken into consideration when performing arithmetic operations on RGB input data (see Abstract, for example).

However, neither Hirano nor Takayama alone or in combination teach or fairly suggest that a white extracting part is configured to determine which color data of the gamma-converted RGB data has a minimum value and to compare the minimum value with a predetermined value relative to the maximum gray scale level and corresponding to a half luminance of the maximum gray scale level, the white extracting part generates the minimum value of the gamma-converted RGB data as the white color component if the minimum value is smaller than the predetermined value, and the white extracting part generates the predetermined value as the white color component if the minimum value is larger than the predetermined value. In this regard, the most pertinent prior art utilized by the examiner, namely Tanioka (US 5,929,843), discloses (see Fig. 10A-10C) an image processing apparatus and associated method of processing image data comprising the steps of extracting a white component from RGB data and generating RGBW data in order to display a full color image (see Abstract). Tanioka further discloses the implementation of a predetermined value (i.e., (C)) by which the white color component is compared. Tanioka discloses that when the white color component is smaller than the predetermined value, the white color component is set to zero, and when the white color component is larger than the predetermined value, the white color component is set to some factor of the minimum of the RGB data (see Col. 8, Ln. 18-67

through Col. 9, Ln. 1-45). However, Tanioka does not teach or fairly suggest that the predetermined value is determined relative to the maximum gray scale level and corresponding to a half luminance of the maximum gray scale level. As such, Tanioka does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed white extracting part wherein the white extracting part generates the minimum value of the gamma-converted RGB data as the white color component if the minimum value is smaller than the predetermined value, and the white extracting part generates the predetermined value as the white color component if the minimum value is larger than the predetermined value. In fact, none of the references relied upon by the examiner, alone or in reasonable combination, teach or fairly suggest the implementation of the claimed predetermined value. Therefore, **Claims 19, 20, and 24-35** (now renumbered **Claims 1-14**) are allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON M. MANDEVILLE whose telephone number is

571-270-3136. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Eisen can be reached on 571-272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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